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News Release

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Gift of Time Awards Presentation

The Council of Churches and City of Springfield will recognize 10 local volunteers at the annual Gift of Time Awards, noon, Thursday, June 21, at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center. The Gift of Time Awards is the original volunteer recognition event in the Ozarks. Since 1991, more than 200 volunteers, donating thousands of hours of service, have been recognized. Their combined contributions make our community a better place to live.

Portraits of Gift of Time Award recipients will be displayed on the Rosanna Bradshaw Memorial Wall of Fame in the Busch Municipal Building throughout the year. The Wall of Fame's namesake was an active volunteer in the Ozarks for many years and helped to create the Gift of Time program.

Event partners include 417 Magazine; B & E Printing; the City of Springfield; CoxHealth; Dan Emrie Photography; the Ramada Oasis Convention Center; the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce; the Southwest Missouri Association of Volunteer Administrators; and Wickman's Garden.

For more information about the nomination process and the Gift of Time Awards, contact: Paula Austin with the Council of Churches of the Ozarks, (417) 862-3586.